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1. Indications on the part of the labor leaders in Bolivia are that there is the desire to create a Sindicato Mixto Minero Ferroviario Fabril (a mixed syndicate of mining, railway, and factory employees). Jose Nunez Rosales, one of the leaders of the Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR), admits that he is the author of the plan, but claims that he has not made an agreement with Juan Lechin, Senator from the Department of Potosi and Secretary General of the Federacion Sindical de Trabajadores de Bolivia (a Bolivian affiliate of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina). Nunez also claims that the syndicate will try to break away completely from Lechin, as well as from Guillermo Lora Escobar, (fnu) Torres, and (fnu) Cadina, all members of the Lechin group. There has been no definite indication as to whether Nunez is acting in his own interest or in the interest of the Party. Up to the present time, the railways have been free from the political strife which has enveloped the other groups. The Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) reportedly has been the main force behind the miners, and the "anarchists" have been the force behind the factory workers. If the PIR is able to unite the three groups, it will probably result in a Sindicato Unico (single syndicate) which will become a powerful labor force.
2. The Partido Liberal is becoming increasingly popular, and, according to reports, will probably break with the PIR and eventually affiliate with the Partido de la Union Socialista Republicana (PUSR) under a new director.

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